

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER 8 May 2008

SITUATION REPORT # 4

1500 Hours 14 May 2008

The next Situation Report will be Friday, 16 May 2008 at 1300 hours.

New Information in bold italic font

SUMMARY

During the overnight hours of May 8 and throughout the day 9 May, a storm system moved across the Commonwealth generating heavy rain and wind. A second storm system impacted the Commonwealth with heavy rains and gusty winds on 11 and 12 May. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center received reports of storm related damage and minor flooding from several localities across the Commonwealth. National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Offices confirmed 4 tornadoes impacted the Commonwealth on 8 May, NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted Stafford County and NWS Blacksburg confirmed EF 1 tornadoes impacted Henry, Appomattox, and Pittsylvania counties. NWS Sterling is reviewing data and information on storm damage in Nelson County and will deploy storm survey team if warranted. No storm related fatalities were reported and one injury was reported in Stafford County.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: *The VEOC is at Recovery Operations with normal staffing.* Secretary of Public Safety Marshall visited the England Run North Subdivision in Stafford County on 9 May.

Protective Actions: Local Emergency Declared:
Stafford County declared a local emergency on 9 May.
City of Martinsville declared a local emergency on 9 May
Loudoun County declared a local emergency on 12 May

Local Emergency Operations Center Activated:
City of Martinsville opened 9 May at 0900 hours, closed 1200 hours 9 May
City of Danville opened 9 May at 0630 hours **and closed 1100 hours 9 May**
Nelson County opened 8 May at 2230 hours, closed 0700 hours 9 May
City of Alexandria opened 11 May at 2230 hours and closed 0400 hours 12 May
Prince William County opened at 0800 hours 12 May
Loudoun County opened at 11 May at 2100 hours and closed 1600 hours 12 May
Fairfax County opened 11 May at 2300 hours and closed at 0830 hours 12 May

WEATHER

Forecast: Wednesday, 14 May: Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon in Southwest VA; high temperatures low 70's to low 80's; winds 5-15 MPH with gusts up to 25 MPH in Southwest VA. Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers after 2000 hrs; low temperatures mid to upper 50's; winds 5-10 MPH. Thursday, 15 May: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers across the Commonwealth and a chance of thunderstorms in Southwest VA; high temperatures upper 60's to upper 70's; winds 5-10 MPH. Thursday night: Showers with chance of isolated thunderstorms in Southwest and West Central VA; low temperatures mid 50's to low 60's; winds 5-10 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

Local Liaison: *Region 7 Coordinator Hopkins is available to assist Stafford County officials and assisted Loudoun County officials with flooding issues..* Region 2 Coordinator Sterling assisted Spotsylvania County and City of Fredericksburg officials on 9 May.

INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
As of 1100 hours 14 May, there are 18 secondary roads closed due to flooding or washout

ESF 12 – Energy: ***As of 1100 hours 14 May approximately 900 customers without power statewide due to heavy rains and winds that impacted the Commonwealth on 11 May:***
Dominion Virginia Power – 810 (611– Northern VA)
Appalachian Power – **Minimal**
Alleghany Power – 21
Electric Coops – 23

**ESF 14 – Long-term
Community Recovery**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>
Franklin County	\$5,000	\$3,500
Fredericksburg, City of	\$1,800,000	\$0
Martinsville, City of	\$70,000	\$86,500
Spotsylvania County	\$1,000,000	\$0
Stafford County	\$7,700,000	\$0
Pittsylvania County	\$ 116,000	\$0
Total	\$10,691,000	\$90,000

State Public Assistance Damage Assessment Team deployed to Stafford County 12 May to tour impacted sites with County officials and explain state Public Assistance Program eligibility and overall process. VDEM Recovery Staff is coordinating debris removal issues with Stafford County officials. State Cooperation Commission Bureau of Insurance provided literature and contact information at Stafford Disaster Assistance Center. ***VDEM Recovery staff is reviewing data from Initial Damage Reports that were submitted.***

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations:** American Red Cross
10 case workers assisting at Stafford County Disaster Assistance Center; 1 Emergency Response Unit dispensing cleaning supplies in Stafford County; 2 Mobile Feeding Stations available in Stafford County

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support Fairfax radio cache deployed to Stafford County; radio cache demobilized on 11 May

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Stafford County: NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted the England Run North Subdivision at approximately 2255 hrs 8 May. Initial damage assessments report 4 homes destroyed, 62 homes major damage, 62 homes minor damage, 1 church damaged and 1 commercial building damaged. Disaster Assistance Center will be open daily at Fire Station #12, Route 17, 2 miles north of incident, from 0800 to 1630 hours ***until at least the end of this week, 16 May. A 24/7 limited staffed command post will remain operational until later this week.*** Residents were permitted to reoccupy houses determined to be safe on 9 May and the shelter was closed. ***The total number of long term displaced residents from the damaged area is 40.*** Clean up and recovery operations continue. County officials continue to assess damages and have

identified three more neighborhoods that were damaged. An updated Initial Damage Assessment Report is being prepared to reflect the damages not previously reported. Stafford County Sheriff's Department lifted access control operations on 11 May and will continue with increased security. Over 200 tons of debris has been removed as of 11 May. A second Town Hall Meeting was held on 11 May and some issues discussed were permits, debris removal and mail service. US Post Office resumed mail delivery on 12 May for those residences with mailboxes. All mutual aid assistance provided by the FBI Quantico National Capital Region Incident Management Team, District of Columbia Fire Department, City of Fredericksburg Fire/EMS and Fairfax County Fire/EMS demobilized 11 May. **All citizens to date in the impacted area have reported they are insured.**

- Martinsville, City of:** Three people were evacuated and 1 home was flooded.
- Danville, City of:** 12 people were evacuated, but no reports of flood damage.
- Nelson County:** The County has reported 2 homes with major damage and people evacuated in the area.
- Henry/Franklin County:** NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted the area north of Figsboro in Henry County and moved north into Franklin County. Franklin County reported 1 home with damage.
- Spotsylvania County:** NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. County reported damage to one industrial complex.
- Fredericksburg, City of:** NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. The City reported damage to one industrial complex.
- Prince William County:** Several homes in one subdivision have flooding in the basements.
- Appomattox County:** NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted an area 2 miles west of the Town of Hixburg. VEOC has not received any reports of damages.
- Pittsylvania County:** NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted an area 3 miles east-southeast of the Town of Ajax. **Pittsylvania County Officials reported minor damage to 3 single family homes, 2 mobile homes and agriculture property.**
- Loudoun County:** **The County has reported two privately owned bridges providing access to a total of 15 residences have been severely damaged by debris in the flooded Goose Creek south of Leesburg along Kin Road. Several roads in the area remain closed. Local Public Works staff continues to survey bridge damage and implement temporary solutions for access to the impacted area.**

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